## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA BECKLEY

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. CRIMINAL NO. 5:18-cr-00026

JAMES H. BLUME, JR. MARK T. RADCLIFFE MICHAEL T. MORAN SANJAY MEHTA BRIAN GULLETT VERNON STANLEY MARK CLARKSON

## UNITED STATES MOTION TO RECONSIDER TRIAL DATE

Comes now the United States of America, by Steven Loew, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, and informs the Court regarding an international trip the undersigned AUSA has had planned for over a year. The undersigned AUSA respectfully requests the Court to reconsider the January 4, 2022 trial date set forth in its Order. ECF 912.

On Friday, May 7, 2021, the Court held a status conference regarding defendants' motion for a continuance of the trial set for July 6, 2021. The United States did not oppose the continuance, so long as the trial was set for September or October. At the hearing, the Court stated that trial may be set for September or January.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The undersigned AUSA was unable to attend the Friday hearing as he was in the process of packing and moving homes.

In 2020, the undersigned AUSA planned an international trip with several other people which was to take place at the end of January and into February 2021. Because of the pandemic, the trip had to be cancelled. The trip was rescheduled for the corresponding days for 2022, that is January 27, 2022 through February 6, 2022. The undersigned AUSA has paid a nonrefundable one-thousand-dollar (\$1,000) deposit for the trip.

Accordingly, the undersigned AUSA respectfully requests the Court to reconsider the January 4, 2022 date for the trial in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is hereby certified that the foregoing "UNITED STATES MOTION TO RECONSIDER TRIAL DATE" has been electronically filed and service has been made on opposing counsel by virtue of electronic filing on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 to:

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